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STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

J. K. Owings, a carpenter at work on the Glenn street school building, Anderson, came near losing his life when a flying 40-penny wire nail struck him, puncturing the jugular vein on the left side of his neck.

Capt. Z. J. Drake, one of Marlboro county's oldest and most prominent citizens, is dead at the age of 71 years. Capt. Drake held the world's record for having produced the greatest yield of corn on one acre.

W. A. O'Bryant, an Abbeville liveryman, had two mules killed and a wagon demolished by a cave-in of dirt. The driver was loading his wagon at the base of a 20-foot embankment which suddenly caved over on the mules and wagon, completely covering them.

A freak of nature that has excited considerable curiosity at Barnwell is a cabbage with 13 heads, which was grown by R. A. Aull of Ulmer. The heads are hard and perfectly formed.

The books of enrollment of all the Democratic clubs in South Carolina will close Tuesday, July 28, as prescribed in the constitution and rules adopted by the State Democratic convention in May.

A. L. Powell, a Florence policeman, is in a hospital, dangerously wounded, and an unknown negro, said to have lived at Sumter, is dead, as the result of an exchange of shots which occurred Saturday afternoon when the peace officer undertook to arrest the negro for peddling cocaine.

Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock when a thunderstorm was raging at Aiken the barn and stables of C. Oliver Iselin, the New York millionaire, were struck by lightning and practically destroyed by fire. The building was fully covered with insurance.

At the suggestion of Miss Mary E. Frayser, of Winthrop college, and an expert in the extension work carried on by that college and the United States department of agriculture, E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, will take up with the management of the State fair the advisability of holding a baby contest during the fair.

The Georgia Hussars have been denied permission by Governor Bleasdale to travel through South Carolina en route to the State military encampment at Augusta next month. The company was to have been routed by way of Blackville. Military authorities advise route must be changed because of the governor's attitude, which causes no serious inconvenience.

Charleston has inaugurated a campaign against rats by paying three cents a head for the rodents, dead or alive. The campaign is taken as a precaution against the introduction of the bubonic plague with which New Orleans has been infected. Thousands of dead rats are being brought into the health department.

Sunday's papers carried the announcement that a merger had been made of the Piedmont Traction Co., operation between Charlotte and Gastonia, and the Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson railway, operating between Spartanburg and Greenwood. The Piedmont and Northern Railway Co. will be the corporate name of the merged interurban.

Several auto parties of Fort Mill people journeyed over to Ebenezer township Sunday to look over the territory visited the previous Monday night by the heavy hail storm, and all agreed that the newspaper reports as to crop damage had not been exaggerated in the least. There were still beds of packed hail to be seen Sunday in shaded gullies where the fall was heaviest.

Storm Damage Half a Million.

(Rock Hill Herald.)

The Herald's estimate of the storm damage in York county is that the storm covered about one sixth of the county's area, or about one hundred square miles. The total area of the county is 669 square miles. One hundred square miles is 64,000 acres, but doubtless not more than half of this area was in cultivation; and a considerable area reached by the storm was only partially destroyed. The Herald believes, however, that the crops on 20,000 or more acres of land were practically wiped out. This being true, we do not see how the loss can fall below a half million dollars.

Various estimates of the number of bales of cotton lost by the storm have been made, ranging all the way from four to ten thousand bales. Some citizens think that one-fourth of the average cotton crop of the county was destroyed, which would amount to about ten thousand bales. The Herald believes this estimate too high. This newspaper's estimate is that the cotton crop will be cut down from five to seven thousand bales by the storm damage.

Will Lay Double Track.

Within five years the management of the Southern Railway expects to have a double track line the entire distance, 649 miles, from Washington to Atlanta. President Harrison has made arrangements for financing this great undertaking of immense importance to the entire South, and it is planned that the work shall go forward as rapidly as it is possible to carry it on without interfering with the heavy freight and passenger traffic which moves over this line.

The funds for this work will be provided by the sale of \$20,000,000 of bonds of the Atlantic and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company, the issue of which has been authorized and approved by the Georgia Railroad Commission.

Our Gold Hill Letter.

Times Correspondence.

Before a large congregation on last Sabbath, Rev. P. M. Bailes delivered a strong and appealing sermon in his usual excellent way. We regret to learn that Brother Bailes will be unable to be with us in our meeting which begins the first Sunday in August.

"Have you any ripe water-melons?" is a very common question that is going the rounds of our community now. Has your neighbor been over to see you lately, if not, you can rest assured that as soon as he finds out that your melons are ripe he will be over.

The good old "lay-by" time is about here, and we farmers, especially we young men, are going about with big broad smiles on our faces because of it.

Miss Ursula Blankenship and brother, V. B. Blankenship and his family, of Rock Hill, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Blankenship.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Epps leave out for their home in Tampa, Fla., this morning.

Hon. J. R. Haile is in Yorkville today on business.

Misses Lillian and Eula Cook and Miss Miller, of Rock Hill, spent a few days of the last week in Gold Hill.

Mr. W. H. Windell is spending today in Charlotte on business.

Miss Mary Garrison is visiting near Rock Hill.

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Gold Hill, July 13.

Mr. W. S. Bailes Dead.

(Contributed.)

At the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Enloe, Mr. W. S. Bailes passed away at midnight, July 3rd and was buried in Clover, S. C.

Surviving him are his children, Messrs. G. H. Bailes, Elbert Bailes, Samuel Bailes, Grady Bailes, Mesdames Rena Enloe and Eunice Wilson, and Misses Pearle, Azalie and Edna Bailes.

See the big 5-reel picture, "Victory," at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow (Friday).—adv.

LYNCH NEGRO WOMAN FOR MURDER OF CHILD

One of the most brutal crimes ever perpetrated in Orangeburg county, committed midway between Elloree and Vance late Saturday afternoon in a dense bay near the Two Chop public road, was brought to light Sunday morning when the body of little Miss Essie Bell, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bell, was discovered after an all night search, foully murdered and carefully covered by the confessed murderess, Rosa Richardson, a negro woman about 35 years of age. A grim and horrifying spectacle was witnessed Sunday in that community. The body of little Essie with her head beaten into a pulp by a lightwood knot lay prepared for burial in the quiet home of Daniel Bell, while 200 yards away near the scene of the crime swinging to a tree was the body of her murderess, Rosa Richardson, riddled with bullets.

Guilt was established, the murderess confessed and a volley fired, in a short time. Thirty negroes who gathered near the scene of the crime would have fired the volley if permitted, and went to console the grief-stricken family. While the crime cast a pall all over the community and hundreds of people visited the scene, there was no race feeling whatever evident.

The murdered girl Saturday afternoon went to graze the family cow in a field on the public road a short distance from the home, which was hidden from view by a dense field of corn. Just in front of this field on the opposite side of the road is the home of Rosa Richardson, the negro murderess. Daniel Bell was reading his newspaper and the mother, Mrs. Bell, was leaving with one of her sons to board the afternoon train at Vance for Charleston. Mr. Bell was absorbed in reading and presumed that little Essie had gone to the station with her mother and would return with her brother. When the young man returned home without his sister, Mr. Bell inquired for Essie and the young man told his father that she had gone to graze the cow when he saw her last. Mr. Bell immediately gave the alarm and searching parties were formed. The whole community was scoured and the child's dead body was found as stated early Sunday morning.

Dead From Poison.

Parties coming to Fort Mill Sunday morning from Rock Hill brought intelligence of the finding of the dead body of J. G. Enloe in a clump of bushes near the Wymojo mill, that city. Foul play was at first suspected, but an examination of the body established the fact that the man's death was due to poison. Mr. Enloe was about 60 years of age and is survived by his wife and a number of children. He was accustomed to take a poison, it was said, on account of a chronic ailment. He was last seen Saturday morning by a merchant on the outskirts of Rock Hill from whom he bought a bottle of a soft drink and he seemed in good spirits and promised to return the bottle. He evidently went to the grove and took the drug with suicidal intent.

Mr. Enloe was well known and held in esteem by the people of Fort Mill. He conducted the boarding house at the Catawba power plant about one year ago and was a frequent visitor to this city for supplies for his hostelry.

Pleasant Valley Dots.

Times Correspondence.

The Ladies' Missionary society will meet at Pleasant Hill church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. P. Heath, who has been spending the week with relatives, went home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Potts came home from Chester Saturday, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. M. Bickett.

Mr. O. P. Heath spent Sunday here. R. C. P. Pleasant Valley, July 14.

Bryan Will Quit After 1916.

William Jennings Bryan, secretary of State, will retire from public life after March 4, 1916. This information was obtained by the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore News from a close personal friend of the secretary.

Not only is it stated that Mr. Bryan has given up all hope of being elected to the presidency but that his first taste of life as an administrative official has convinced him that he does not want a second one. In this, it is asserted on good authority, the secretary was largely influenced by his wife, who has become more and more insistent that he retire from the political arena.

"Victory."

This marvelous five-reel photograph will be seen by the people of Fort Mill and vicinity tomorrow (Friday), from 2:30 p. m. to 11 o'clock. Speaking of this great picture of naval warfare, The Billboard, the leading theatrical journal of the country says in part.

"A film, in five masterful parts, which has been heralded as the world's greatest spectacular war drama, is one of the few films shown during the life of motion pictures which has not belied its heralding in one single adjective. It is everything that is claimed for it, and then some."

"What there has been omitted, that might satisfy the appetites of those who crave the exciting, can not be imagined."

"The exploding of full-charge harbor mines, throwing up columns of water more than three hundred feet into the air, the destruction of the forts with shot and shell, the hand-to-hand encounters, are all most realistic. The film is a credit to the producers, and it will be hard for anyone to strike upon a more popular subject for public appeal for many days to come."

There has, so far as we know, been nothing done toward the laying of the mains for Fort Mill's waterworks system. It is understood that the contract awarded several weeks ago calls for the completion of the system by September 1st, and if such is the case, someone will have to put a double shuffle on to finish the job by that date.

Who Is W. F. Stevenson?

(Political Advertisement.)

Come to the congressional campaign meeting at Yorkville July 23, Fort Mill July 23, at night, at McConellsville July 24, 11 a. m. and he will tell you.

Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who is running for Congress in this district, has been engaged in some great legislation. He was employed by the attorney general to assist in the prosecution of the dispensary grafters. We will refer to only one of the great trials of that series. This was held at Chester. Solicitor Henry was sick, but Mr. McLure acted for him, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the attorney general. Mr. B. L. Abney was also for the State. The defense presented a brilliant array of counsel: Weston & Aycock, R. H. Welch, M. P. Howell, A. L. Gaston, John M. Wise and Nelson, Nelson & Gettys. Mr. W. O. Guy was foreman of the jury, and J. M. Wilson, J. W. Taylor, John Estes, Alex. Fraser, F. M. Hough, W. H. Caldwell, J. N. Calvin and J. W. Suitman were the jury.

It had been affirmed that they would not convict on the evidence of the co-conspirators. They should be enrolled on the roll of honor. No such plea controlled them. The trial lasted a week. The case was ably argued on all sides. Mr. Stevenson closed for the State and his argument has been more talked of than any he has ever made. But merely because of the occasion and result Mr. Black was convicted, and subsequently pardoned. The correspondent of the News & Courier said of the argument: "Attorney Stevenson made what has been commented on as probably the most powerful address heard in the court house here in years. Sharp, keen incisive, crowding a world of facts into a small compass and marshalling them with wonderful generalship, adhering to the issue and exposing the guilt." The Chester Reporter said: "There were some magnificent speeches in the graft cases last week, but the public is agreed that it was the intensely forceful speech of Mr. Stevenson, per-

MUST FILE PLEDGES BY NOON, AUGUST 3

All county candidates must file their assessment fees with the county chairman on or before noon of August 3. The date was fixed at a meeting of the county executive committee a few days ago. The committee also fixed the assessment fees of the candidates for various offices and arranged the itinerary for the candidates.

The following assessment fees were agreed upon:

House of representatives \$7.50; treasurer, \$20; auditor, \$20; supervisor, \$12.50; county commissioners, \$4; superintendent of education, \$10; coroner, \$4. Magistrates—York, \$10; Broad River, \$4; Ebenezer, \$6; Fort Mill, \$7; King's Mountain, \$4; Bethel, \$4; Catawba, \$10; Bullock's Creek, \$4; Bethesda, \$4.

All candidates for the office of road supervisor in their respective townships, will be assessed the same amount, \$2.50.

The itinerary for the candidates was fixed as follows:

McConellsville—August 4. Ogden—August 5. Tazewell—August 7. Rock Hill—August 8. Forest Hill—August 12. Clover—August 13. Bethany—August 14. Smyrna—August 15. Hickory Grove—August 19. Blairsville—August 20. Yorkville—August 22.

The death of Engineer J. M. Easterby, who was killed at Royster, 4 miles north of Columbia the morning of July 3rd, was found to have been purely accidental by the coroner's jury.

Robert L. Kirby, engineer on the shifter into which the passenger train ran, was exonerated of all blame. It was brought out that Easterby had made a mistake in reading his watch.

happ, more than any other, that made the conviction of Black possible. Mr. Stevenson rehearsed the evidence item by item. There was not a piece or parcel missing. His irony went true to the mark and laid bare the rottenness."

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